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1. PURPOSE. This Notice publishes, for the entire Coast Guard community, the disciplinary actions taken against individuals who have failed to uphold the high ethical and moral standards we share as members of the Coast Guard.
2. ACTION. Area and district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands, commanding officers of Headquarters units, Assistant Commandants, Chief Counsel, and special staff offices at Headquarters shall ensure wide dissemination of this Notice.
3. DISCUSSION. The following brief description of offenses committed and punishment awarded are the results of Coast Guard general, special, and summary courts-martial and selected military and civilian disciplinary actions taken Coast Guard-wide during the third quarter of Fiscal Year 1997. The circumstances of each of the below listed cases are different and the disciplinary action taken in each was dependent upon the particular facts of that case. Each case also had varying factors in extenuation and mitigation. Nevertheless, the listing can be viewed as representative of the consequences of engaging in illegal or unethical conduct.
  - a. An E-6 was convicted by a general court-martial of committing indecent assault, indecent acts, and taking indecent liberties with a female under 16 years of age not his wife. The member was sentenced to confinement for 90 days, reduction to pay grade E-3, and a bad-conduct discharge.
  - b. An E-3 was convicted by a special court-martial of willfully disobeying a superior commissioned officer, failing to obey a lawful order, destruction of military property, and wrongful appropriation. The member was sentenced to confinement for six

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- months, reduction to pay grade E-1, forfeiture of two-thirds pay per month for six months, and to be discharged with a bad conduct discharge.
- c. An E-5 was convicted by a special court-martial of being absent without leave, wrongful use of a controlled substance, wrongful appropriation, and committing assault. The member was sentenced to reduction to pay grade E-3, confinement for 75 days, and to be discharged with a bad-conduct discharge.
  - d. An E-7 was convicted by a special court-martial of committing adultery. The member was sentenced to reduction to pay grade E-6 and a punitive letter of reprimand.
  - e. An E-7 was convicted by a special court-martial of wrongful use of a controlled substance. The member was sentenced to reduction to pay grade E-5, to be reprimanded, restriction for one month, and to perform hard labor without confinement for 45 days.
  - f. An E-6 was convicted by a summary court-martial for unauthorized use of a government computer and possession of child pornography. The member was sentenced to reduction to pay grade E-5 and restriction for 60 days.
  - g. An E-2 was convicted by a summary court-martial of being absent without leave, failure to obey an order, and wrongful use of a controlled substance. The member was sentenced to confinement for 30 days.
  - h. An E-4 was convicted by a summary court-martial of conspiracy, failure to obey a regulation, making false official statements, larceny, and wrongful solicitation. The member was sentenced to 40 days restriction, forfeiture of \$953.00 pay per month for one month, and reduction to pay grade E-3.
  - i. An O-6 submitted a letter of retirement then appeared at flag mast for conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman. The member received a punitive letter of reprimand, forfeited \$2897.00 in pay per month for one month, and was restricted in activities for 60 days.
  - j. An O-1 received a punitive letter of reprimand and a derogatory evaluation as a result of nonjudicial punishment for maintaining a prohibited relationship with a junior enlisted member. Subsequently, the member's commission was revoked and the member was separated from the Service.
  - k. An O-1 received a derogatory evaluation for refusing to comply with the Commandant's weight standards. Subsequently, the member's commission was revoked and the member was separated from the Service.

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- l. An O-2 received a punitive letter of reprimand as a result of nonjudicial punishment for conduct unbecoming an officer and committing adultery.
- m. An E-3 was awarded reduction to E-2 as a result of nonjudicial punishment for wrongful use and possession of marijuana.
- n. Two E-2's were each awarded reduction to E-1 as a result of nonjudicial punishment for wrongful use and possession of marijuana.
- o. An E-4 was discharged under other than honorable conditions in lieu of trial by court-martial for attempted rape, assault, assault with intent to commit rape, indecent acts, and indecent language.
- p. An E-4 was discharged under other than honorable conditions in lieu of trial by court-martial for larceny, fraudulent marriage, dereliction of duty, making false official statements, theft, mail fraud, and wrongfully endeavoring to influence the testimony of a witness in a criminal investigation.
- q. An E-3 was discharged under other than honorable conditions in lieu of trial by court-martial for submitting false documents to establish entitlement to pay and allowances.
- r. Thirty-six Coast Guard enlisted members received administrative discharges for misconduct, including one for failure to support dependents, four for fraudulent enlistment, one for frequent involvement of a discreditable nature with civil or military authorities, 29 for involvement with drugs, and one for a pattern of shirking.
- s. Twenty-nine members received unsuitability discharges for alcohol abuse and one member received an unsuitability discharge for homosexual conduct.
- t. An AD-00 was removed during a probationary period for unsatisfactory performance.
- u. A WG-8 was removed during a probationary period for unsatisfactory performance.
- v. A GM-13 was removed for unsatisfactory performance.
- w. A GS-3 was removed during a probationary period for disrespectful conduct.
- x. A GS-5 was removed during a probationary period for failure to follow leave procedures and extended absence without leave.
- y. A WS-4 was suspended for 2 days for threatening to inflict bodily injury.
- z. A WG-5 was suspended for 1 day for absence without approved leave.

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- aa. A WG-7 was suspended for 3 days for disrespectful conduct and use of insulting, abusive, and obscene language.
- bb. A WG-9 was suspended for 14 days for unauthorized absence and failure to follow proper leave procedures.
- cc. A WG-9 was suspended for 1 day for failure to pay just debts in a timely manner.
- dd. A WG-10 was suspended for 14 days for loafing, wasting time, and unauthorized absence.
- ee. A GS-11 was suspended for 30 days for unauthorized use of a government vehicle, absence without leave, and failure to follow proper leave procedures.
- ff. A GS-13 was suspended for 3 days for disrespectful language and failure to follow instructions.
- gg. An NF-02 was suspended for one day for sleeping on duty.
- hh. An NF-2 was removed for gross negligence and failure to follow instructions.
- ii. One NF-1, two NA-2's and one NA-3 were removed for falsification of their employment applications.
- jj. An NA-2 was suspended for five days for unauthorized absence.
- kk. An NA-5 was suspended for ten days for creating a disturbance which adversely affected the efficiency of the service.
- ll. Three NF-1's were terminated for being absent without approved leave.
- mm. An NF-2 was removed for abandonment of position.

  
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